

**Council Workshop
August 6, 2009**

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Marse called to order the council workshop of August 6, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor J. M. Marse, Council members Elizabeth Brannon, Ray Jackson, Earl King, Mark Martin and Charlie Simmons. Staff present: Fire Chief Ben Greenslait, City Planner Latilda Henninger and City Clerk Robin Haynes.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Simmons gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. Budget Workshop

Mayor Marse opened the workshop for discussion.

Clerk Haynes presented notes taken to be considered for the new budget including:

- Taxes and state revenue sharing amounts as posted at the Department of Revenue, most taxes are down from current year
- Water and sewer connection fees down from previous year
- Current pay schedule for all employees, including benefits paid by the City
- Health insurance premiums for new fiscal year increased by approximately 46%, Mr. Hoard looking at some possible policy changes to reduce cost, additional quotes
- Re-distribute DOC contract to reflect time spent at Sports Complex, not renew contract with Dogwood for landscaping, will need to purchase mower
- List of possible projects to consider for budget: Lighting at Four Mile Creek Park, surveillance/security for parks and buildings, North Bay extension line, and Hwy 3280 sewer line (using McDaniels Fishcamp impact fees when paid)
- Discussion regarding changing the fire department schedule – adding additional personnel to enable the reduction of overtime wages, possibly just bumping the part time staff to full time, County has discussed reducing funding to \$137,000 – City has requested additional funding and to waive the balance of equipment loan
- Mayor Marse requested balance of street budget not used (approximately \$85,000) to be rolled to new budget year for the redesign/building of Shipyard Road
- Councilman Martin mentioned he would still like to have council consider adding the council members to Florida State Retirement and health insurance

III. Adjournment

Councilman Martin motioned to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

Earl King, Council President